



Perth

March. 10th 73

George W. Dawson. Esq.
Quebec.

Sir,

I am directed by H. M.
Dr. A. B. Cunningham to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated
14th ulto and in reply to inform
you that he wishes you to purchase
and bring with you all you require
for carrying out the duties of your
department and also the necessary

Articles for preserving specimens
of animals, insects &c -

For the present year the
Country which you will be required
to examine will be eastward of
Pembina and in the neighborhood ^{of} that
of the Lake of the Woods - its a
low swampy country, chiefly muskies
but in the vicinity of the lake there
is a good deal of wood - It is
very likely W. Campbell, the
United States Commissioner will

visit the Lake this season and
if so you will have to accompany
him. As regards baggage you
had better bring as much as you
like because it can always be left
at a depot but for the field you
had better arrange to have your kit
in bags, or balises not exceeding
fifty pounds. As regards the
time of joining the Expedition the
Commissary has informed me
that he would like you to be
at Pembina by the 30th April.

Yours, Sir,

Yr. obed^t. Serv^t.

A. D. Ward. *A.D.*
Secy.
H. M. S. B. C.

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